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# SONIC

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## THE HEDGEG

THE UNTHINKABLE  
HAPPENS



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WE'RE IN  
POSITION,  
UNCLE  
ROBOTNIK.

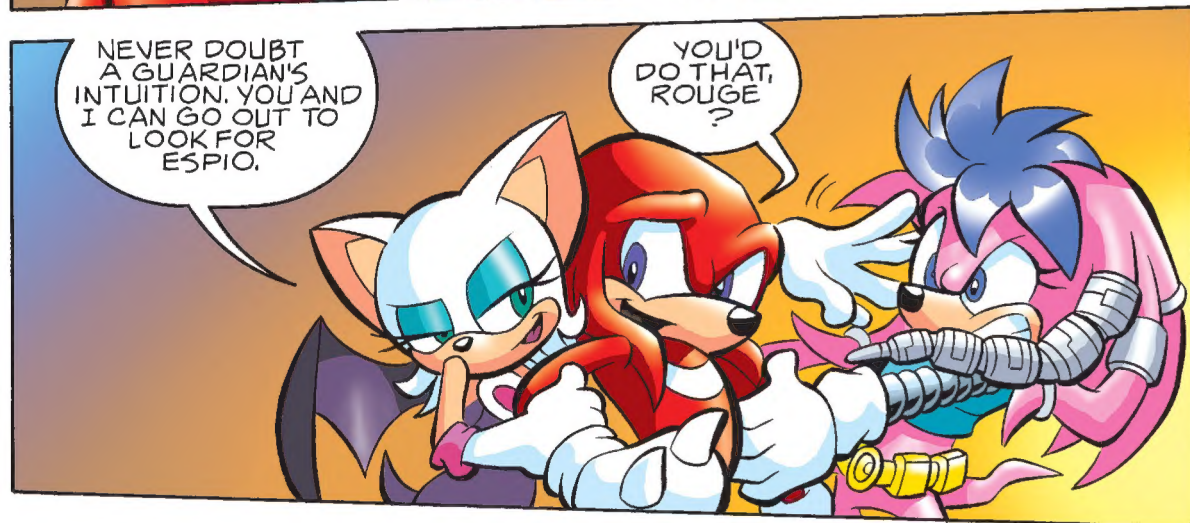
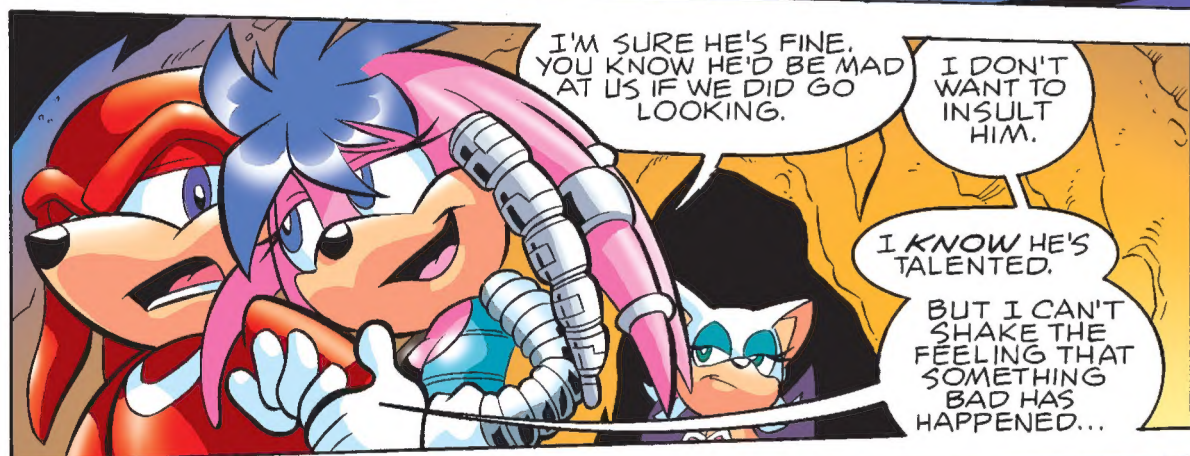
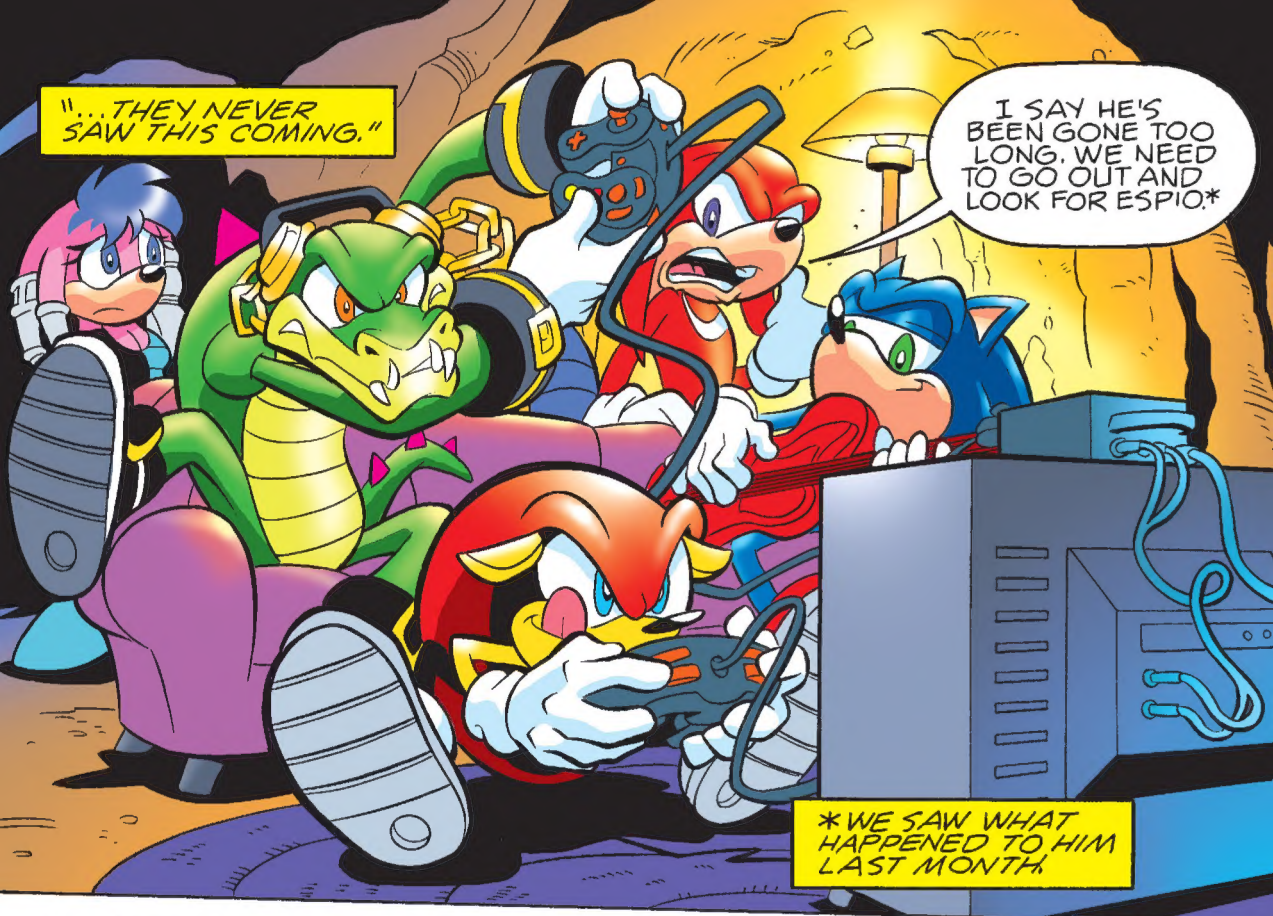
THEN  
LET US  
DEPLOY,  
SNIVELY,  
IT'S TIME  
TO END THIS  
SILLY LITTLE  
WAR.

AGREED,  
AND BEST  
OF ALL...

# EGGMAN EMPIRE

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I GET THE FEELING HE'S KEEPING SOMETHING FROM ME, THAT'S ALL.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, NICOLE? YOU'RE RUNNING REALLY SLOW.

I BELIEVE I'M FINE. I WILL RUN A DIAGNOSTIC NOW.

GOOD IDEA. WE DON'T KNOW IF SNIVELY DID ANYTHING TO SABOTAGE US BEFORE HE LEFT.\* THANKS, ROTOR.

IT'S BEEN A ROUGH FEW WEEKS FOR YOU, BUDDY. FIONA LEAVING\*\* ...TOMMY...Y'KNOW\*\*\* AND THEN YOU AND SONIC HAVE BEEN KIND OF AT ODDS...

\*\*HEARTS WERE BROKEN IN S# 172.

SURE THING, TAILS. SPEAKING OF RUNNING DIAGNOSTICS ON YOURSELF...

\*\*\*THE TRAGEDY HAPPENED IN S# 169.

\*BACK IN S# 162.

I'LL ADMIT IT'S BEEN HARD TO TAKE. IT'S BEEN HARD TO PROVE MYSELF AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER. AND HARDER STILL TO FAIL TO PROTECT THEM...

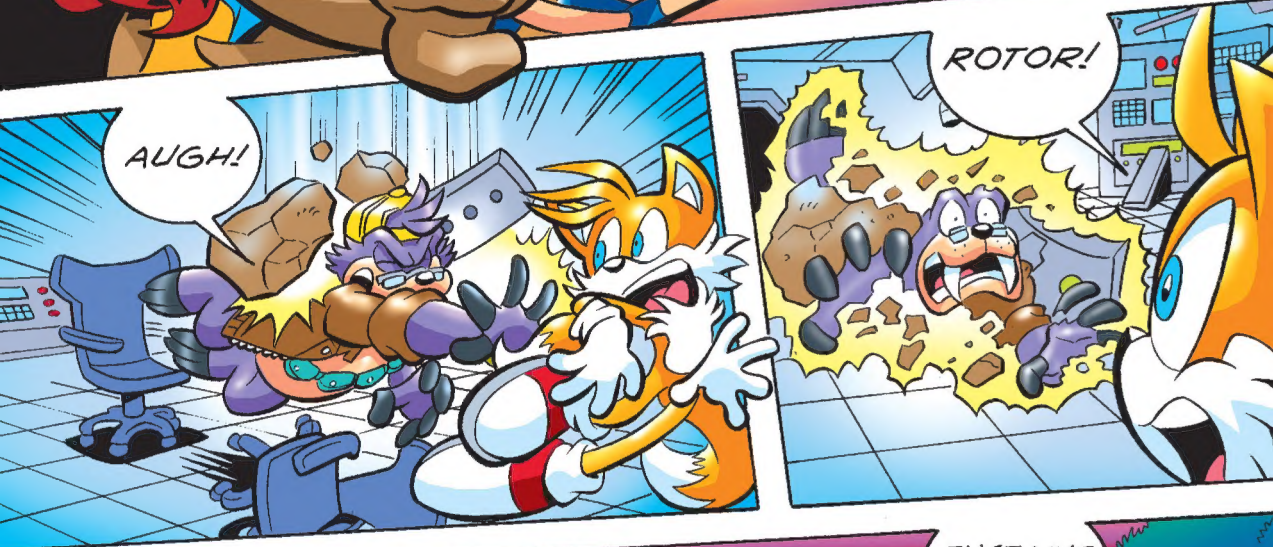
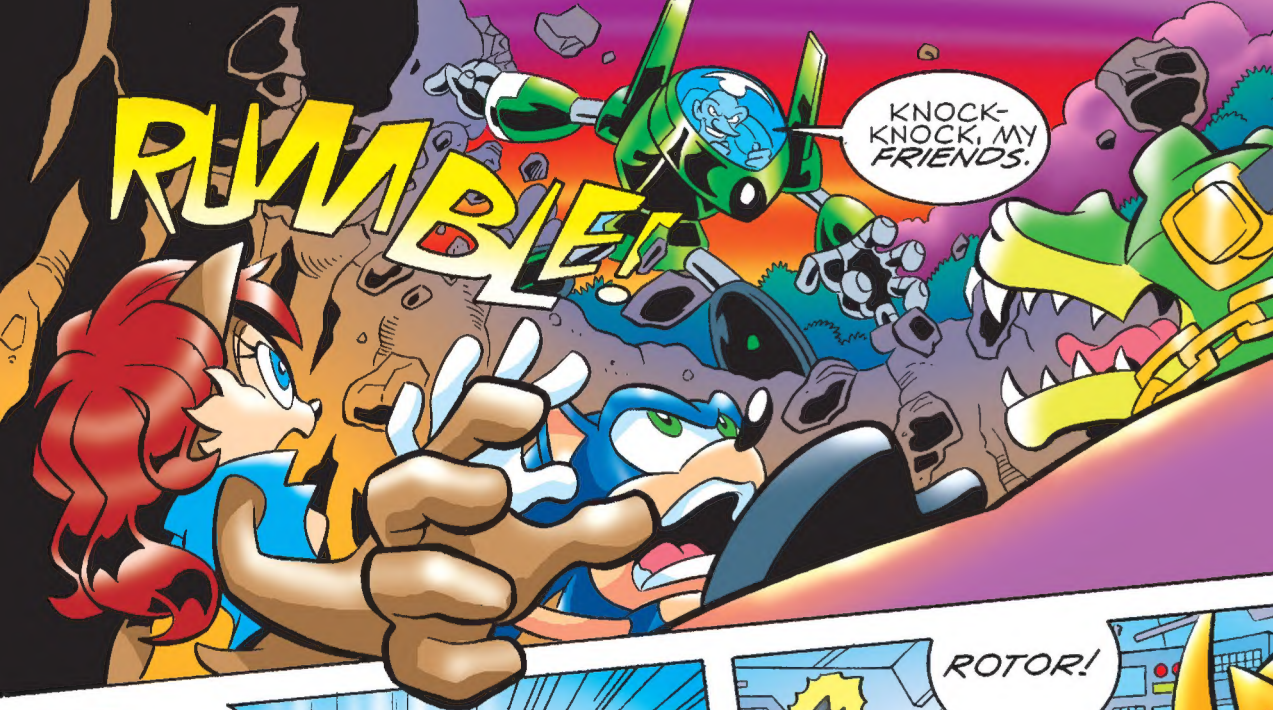
TAILS, YOU DIDN'T FAIL...

AND NEVERMIND SONIC. I FINALLY HAVE MY FAMILY BACK, AND I STILL HAVE ALL MY FRIENDS NEAR ME! I'LL BE FINE!

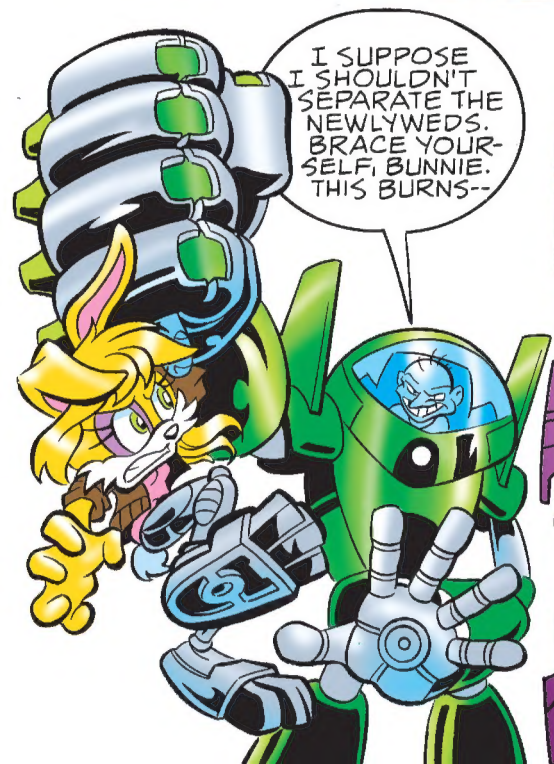
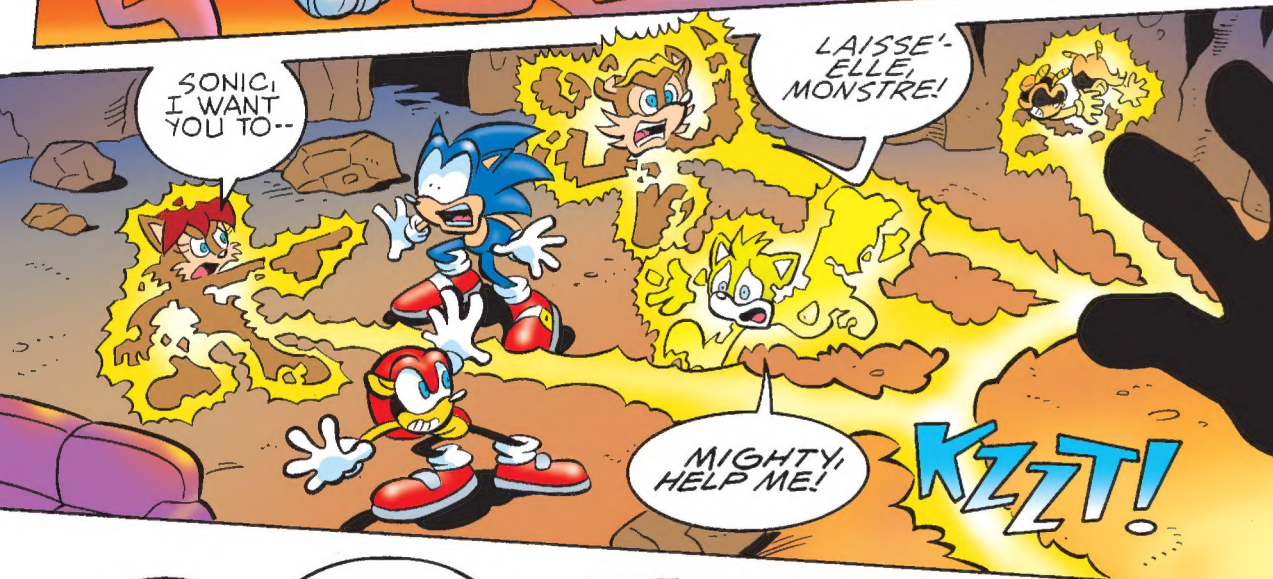
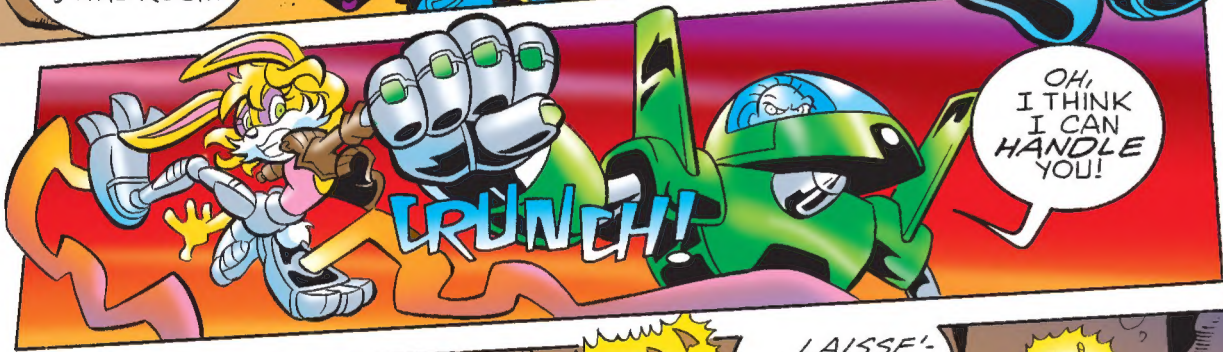
IF YOU SAY SO!

DIAGNOSTIC COMPLETE. SYSTEM COMPROMISED! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

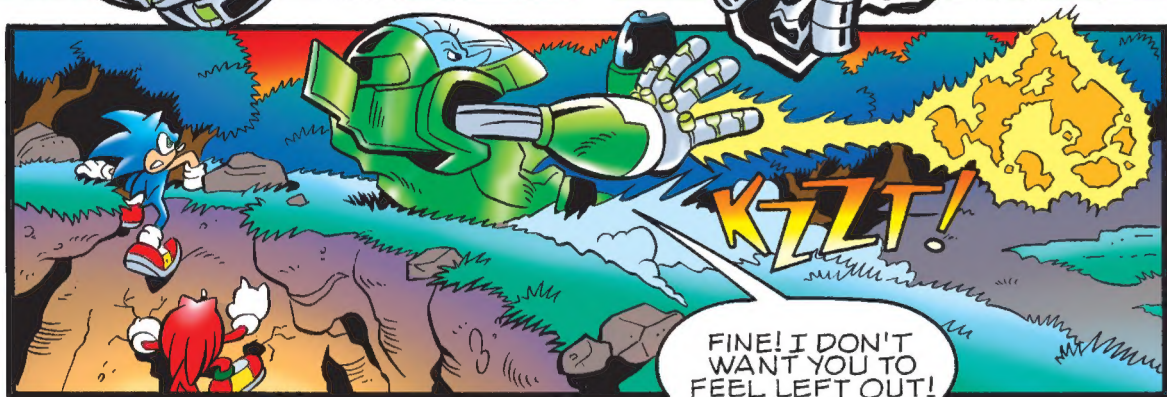
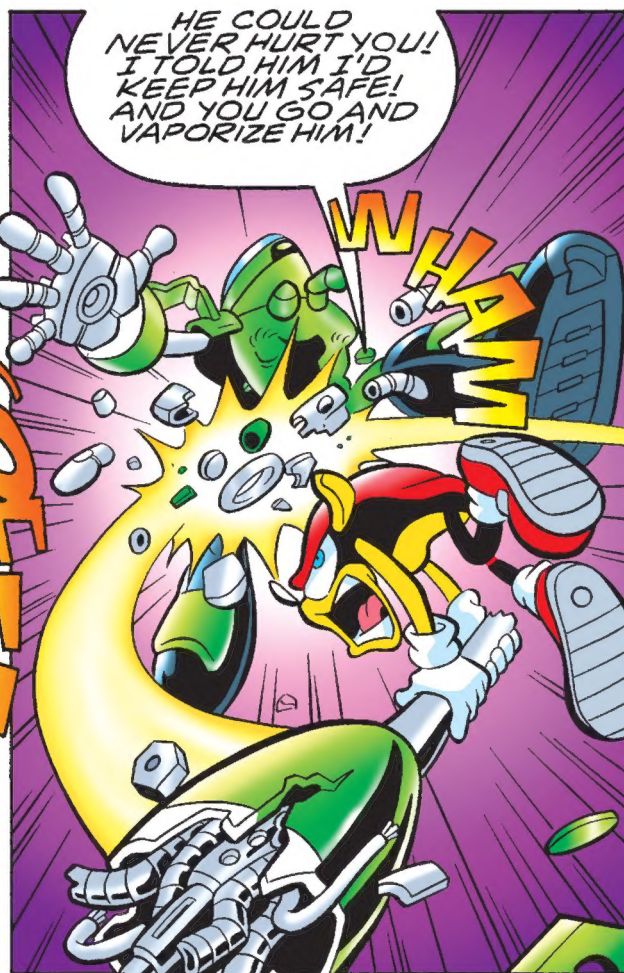




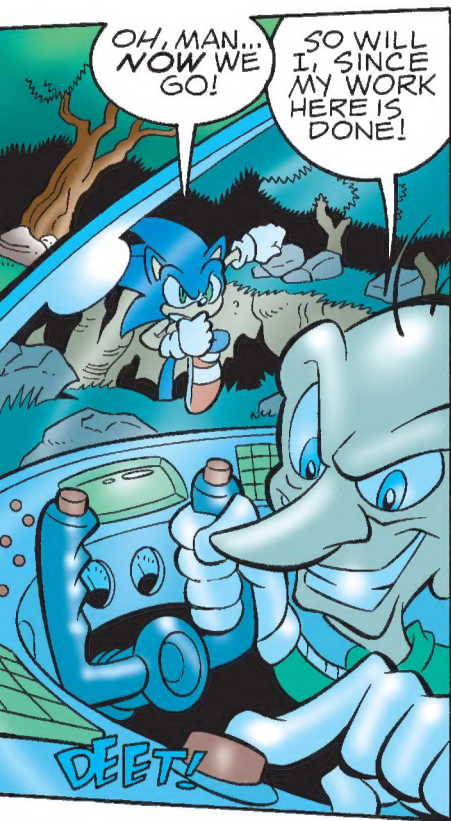












OH, MAN...  
NOW WE  
GO!

SO WILL  
I, SINCE  
MY WORK  
HERE IS  
DONE!

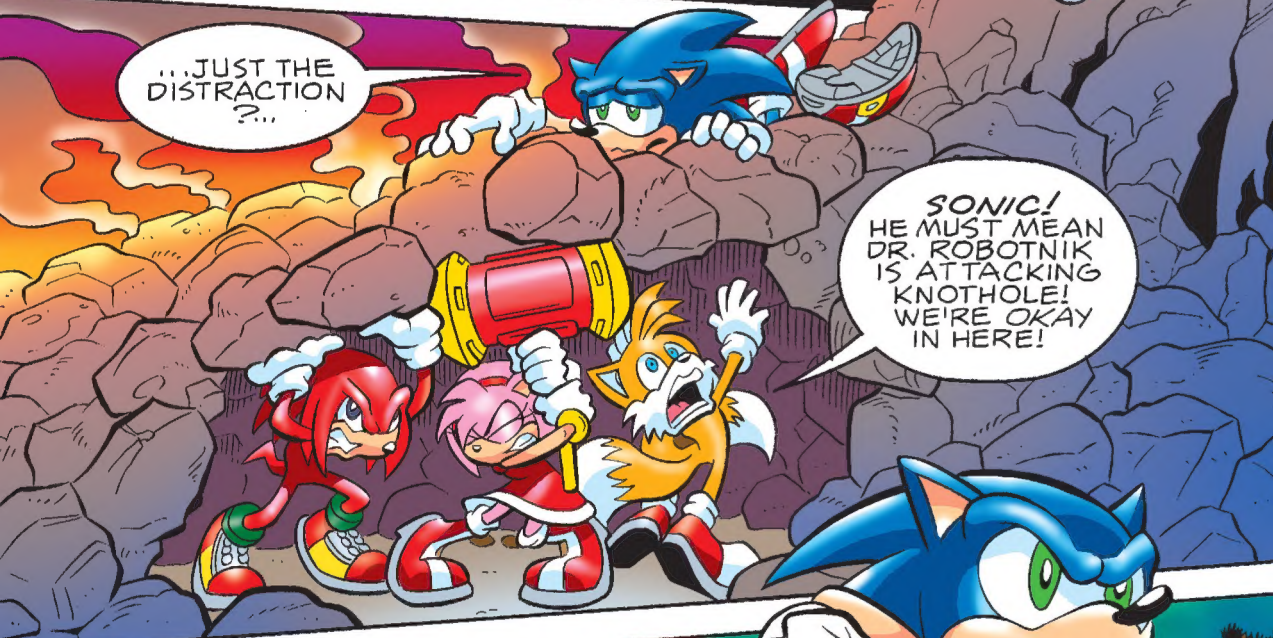
DEET!



AFTER ALL,  
I WAS  
ONLY THE  
DISTRACTION!

UHN!

KA-BLAZ



...JUST THE  
DISTRACTION  
?...

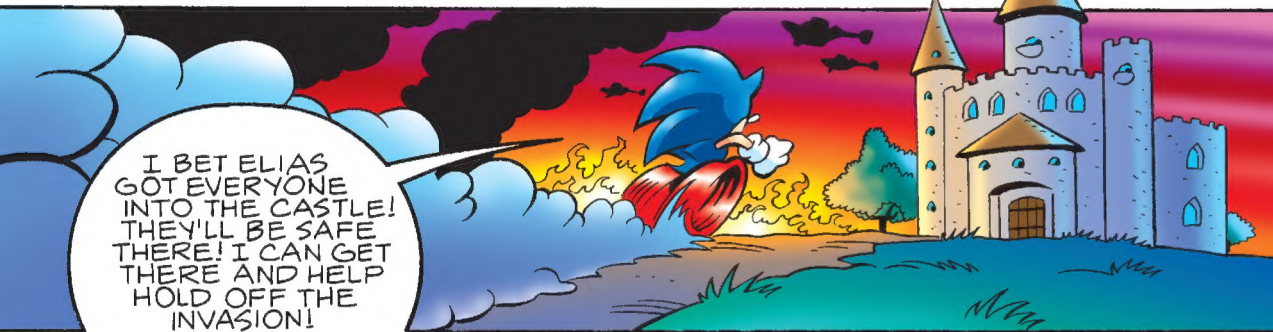
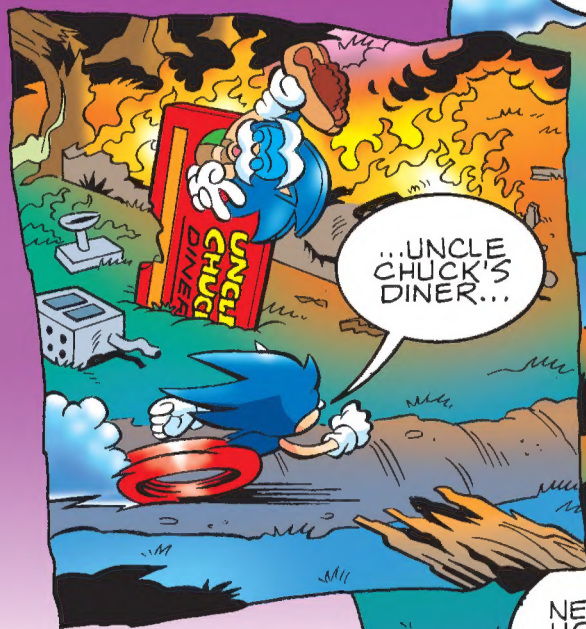
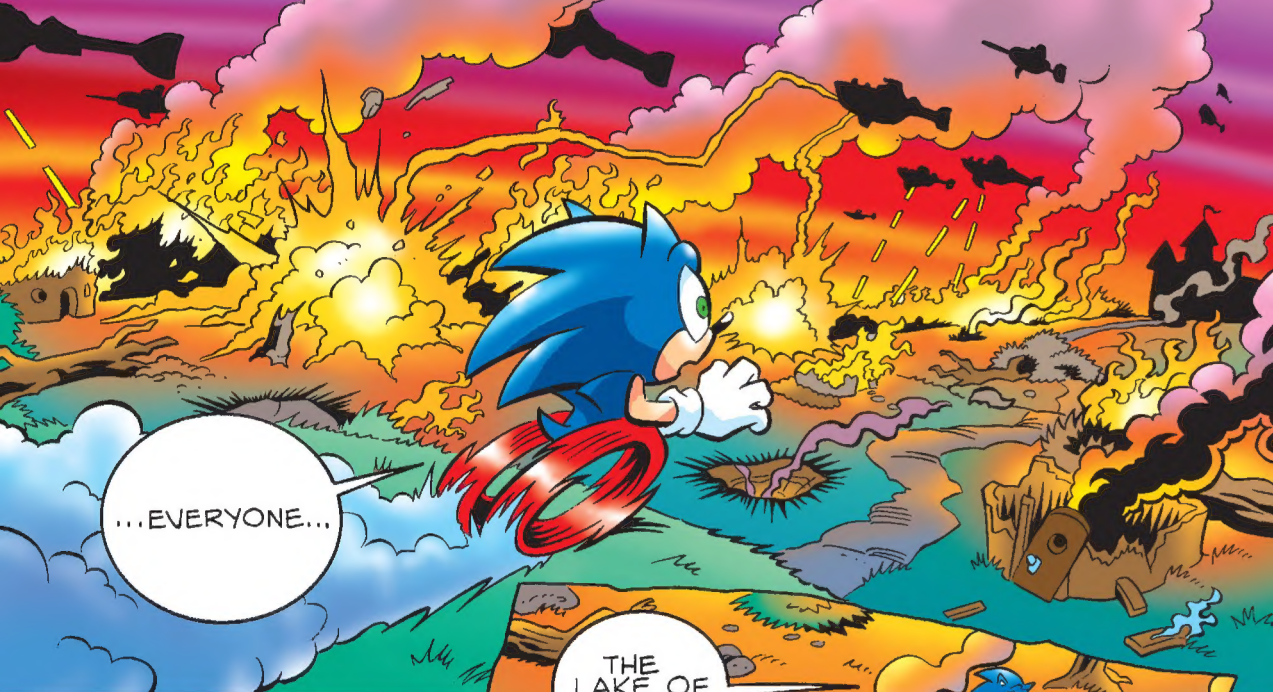
SONIC!  
HE MUST MEAN  
DR. ROBOTNIK  
IS ATTACKING  
KNOTHOLE!  
WE'RE OKAY  
IN HERE!



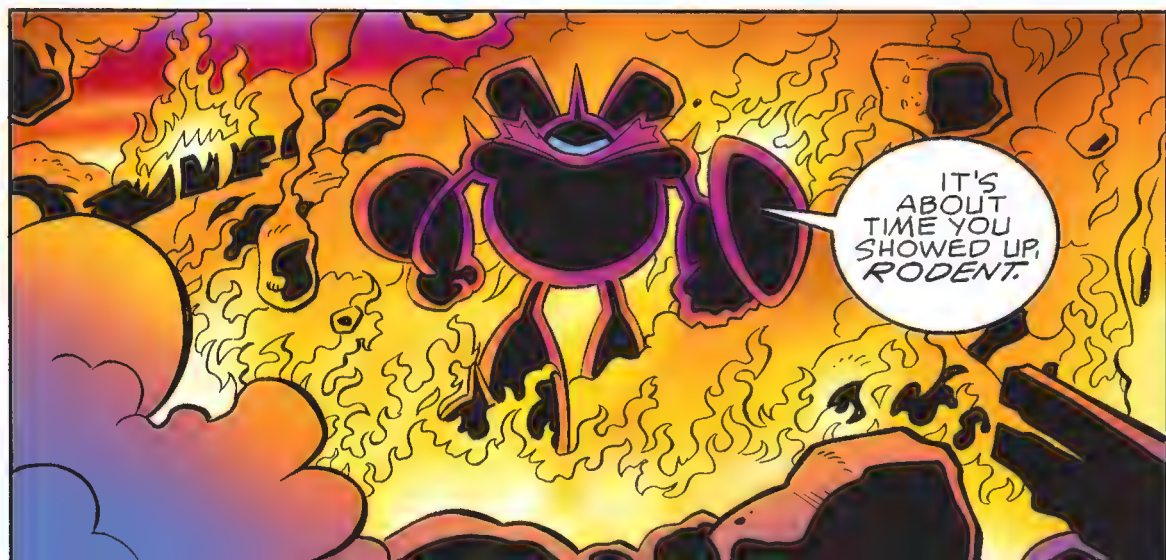
GO SAVE OUR  
FAMILIES!

DON'T WORRY,  
GUYS. I'M FAST  
ENOUGH TO GET  
THERE IN TIME  
TO SAVE...












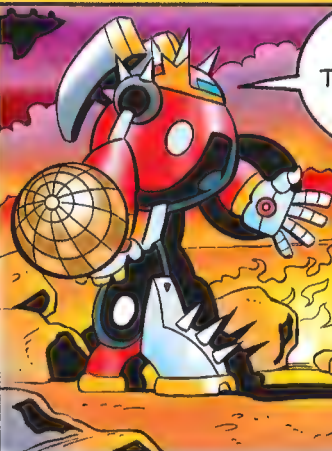
Sonic the Hedgehog is shown from the waist up, looking down with a sad expression. He has his hands clasped in front of him.

ROBOTNIK...  
EVERYONE  
I EVER  
CARED FOR...  
MY FAMILY...  
FRIENDS...  
YOU...  
THEY'RE...


Dr. Eggman is shown from the chest up, sitting in the cockpit of his Eggmobile. He is looking towards Sonic with a smug expression.

CAPTURED,  
SONIC. SNIVELY  
AND I USED AN  
ENHANCED TELE-  
PORTING BEAM,  
MUCH LIKE WHAT  
I USED ON  
MAMMOTH  
MOGUL AND  
HIS CROWD.\*

\*BACK IN S# 164

Dr. Eggman is on the ground, looking towards Sonic. He is holding a small globe in his right hand.

THEY'VE BEEN  
TRANSPORTED  
TO MY EGG GRAPES.  
THERE IT WILL  
ALL END.

Sonic the Hedgehog is standing in the distance, looking back at Dr. Eggman.


NICE TRY,  
DOC. SNIVELY  
DIDN'T ZAP ME.  
I GET TO SAVE  
THE DAY LIKE  
ALWAYS.

SILLY  
BOY...


Dr. Eggman is shown in a large, chaotic scene. He is being hit by several missiles, which are exploding around him. He is holding a globe and looking surprised.

...I TOLD  
SNIVELY  
TO LEAVE  
YOU FOR  
ME!

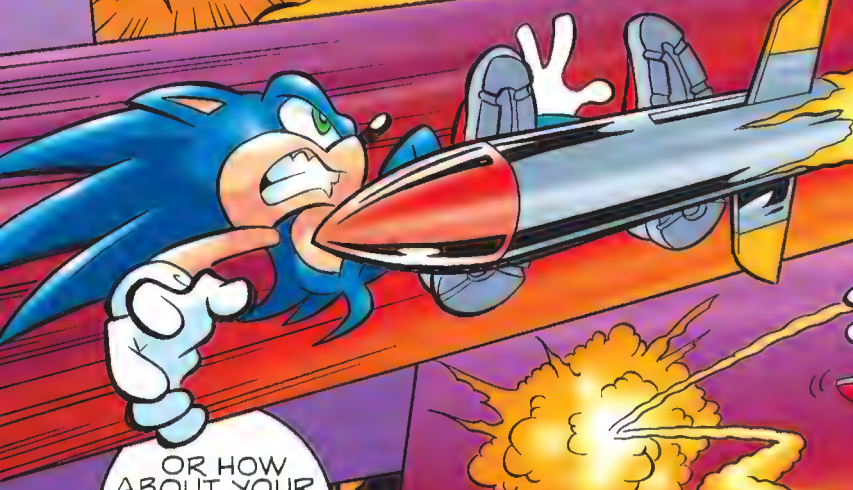




I'M SURPRISED  
YOU RETAIN YOUR  
CONFIDENCE AFTER SO  
MANY *FAILURES*. OR  
DID YOU FORGET  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TO TOMMY TURTLE  
AND SIR CONNERY?



YOU NEVER  
DEROBOTICIZED  
YOUR FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY.  
AND YOUR  
FATHER IS  
*STILL* A  
ROBOT!



OR HOW  
ABOUT YOUR  
LOVE-LIFE,  
EHP? SALLY,  
MINA, EVEN  
FIONA!



SO...



...HOW  
COME  
YOU'RE  
ALL  
ALONE?



SHUT  
UP!

THAT'S IT?  
THAT'S YOUR  
WITTY COMEBACK?  
PLEASE, SONIC,  
I WANT OUR LAST  
GAME TO HAVE  
SOME MERIT.

OOF!  
THIS IS A  
GAME TO  
YOU?!

DING

DING

DING

DING

YOU THOUGHT  
YOUR PITHY  
RESISTANCE  
ACTUALLY HAD  
SOME KIND OF  
TOE-HOLD AGAINST  
MY EMPIRE?

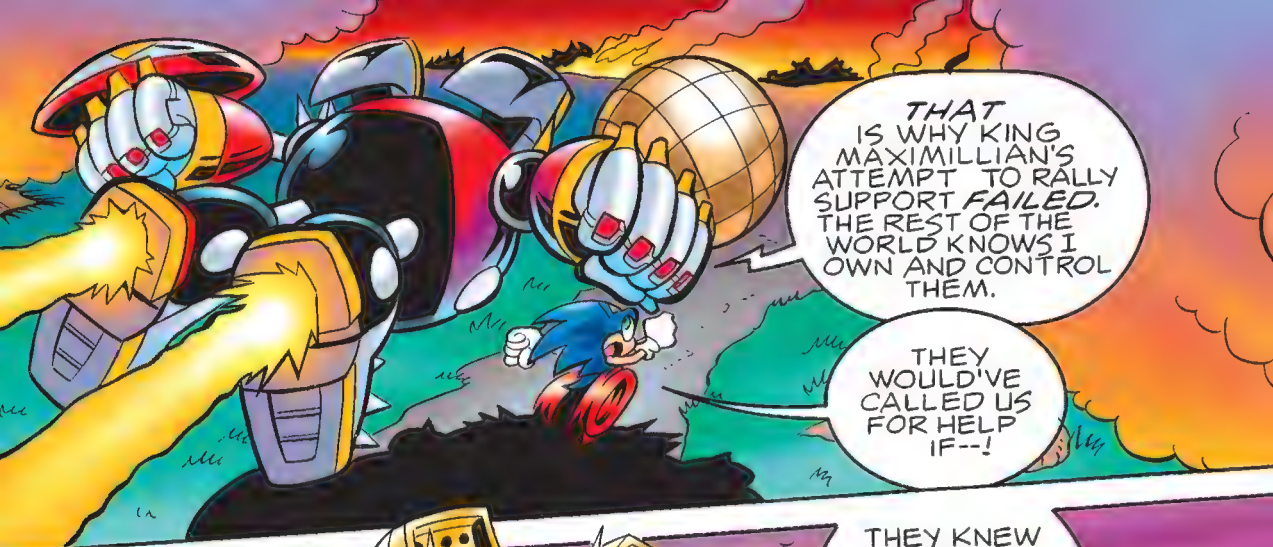
THE WORLD FELL TO ME  
SO QUICKLY, SO EASILY,  
THAT I WAS LEFT WITH  
NOTHING TO DO! I ALLOWED  
YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO  
EXIST SO THAT I MIGHT  
ENTERTAIN MYSELF!

AHH!  
LIAR!

YOU'VE TRIED--  
AND FAILED--  
TO BEAT US IN  
THE PAST!

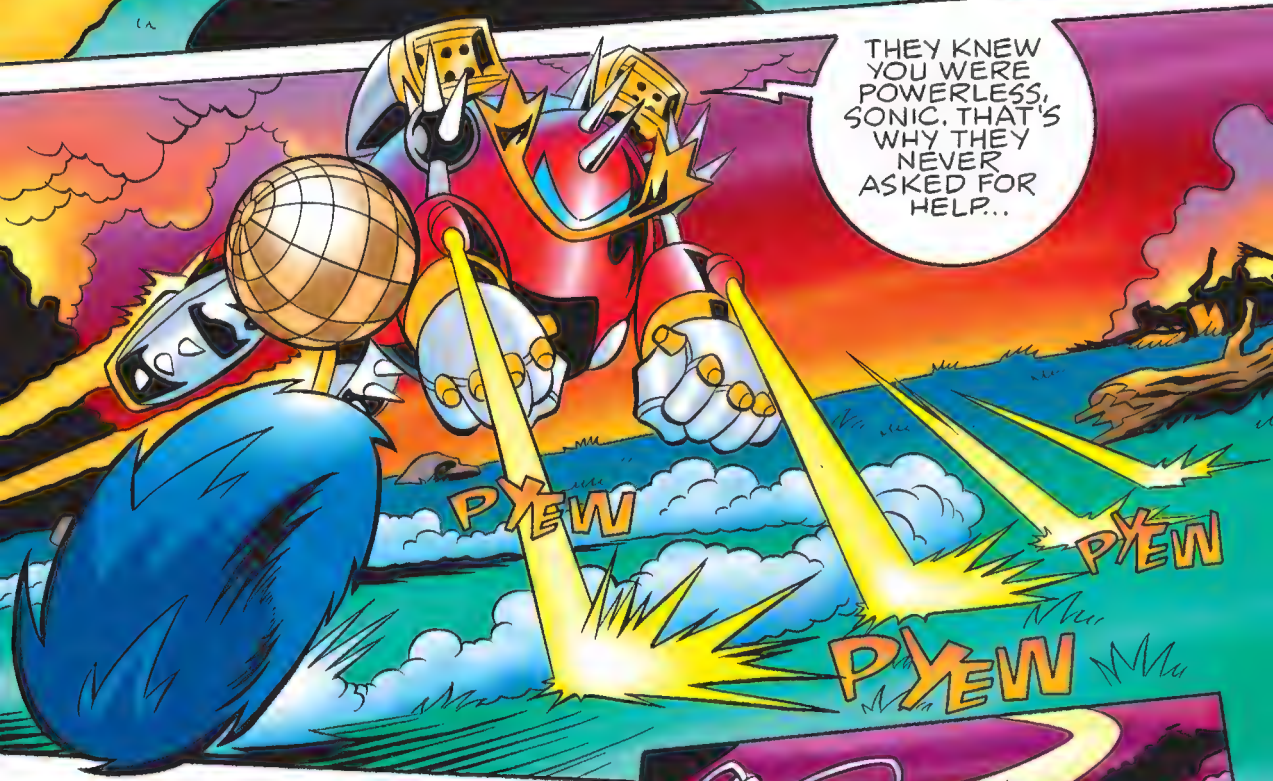
I WILL CONCEDE  
YOU ALL HAVE WON  
MY LITTLE WAR  
GAMES MORE TIMES  
THAN NOT. BUT SO  
WHAT? IS MOBIUS  
ANY MORE FREE  
NOW THAN IT WAS  
YEARS AGO?





THAT IS WHY KING MAXIMILLIAN'S ATTEMPT TO RALLY SUPPORT FAILED. THE REST OF THE WORLD KNOWS I OWN AND CONTROL THEM.

THEY WOULD'VE CALLED US FOR HELP IF--!

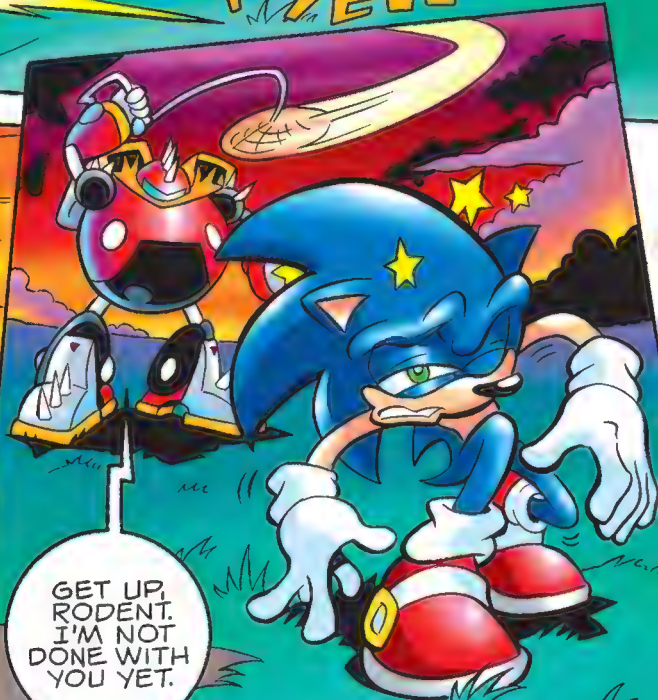


THEY KNEW YOU WERE POWERLESS, SONIC. THAT'S WHY THEY NEVER ASKED FOR HELP...

...AND THAT'S WHY THEY NEVER WARNED YOU ABOUT THIS!


AUGH!

SMACK!



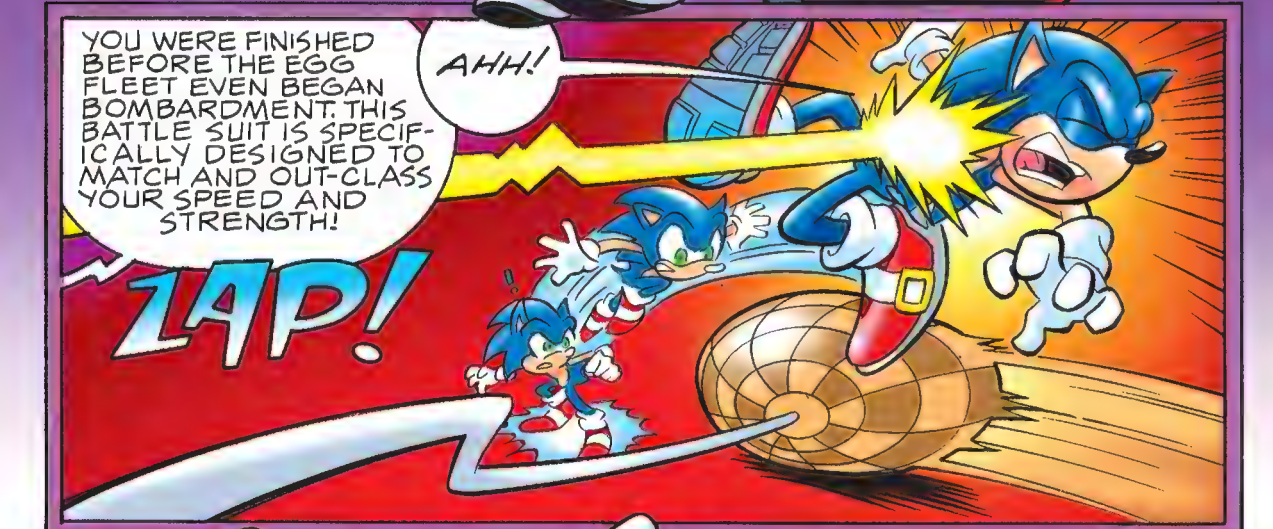
GET UP, RODENT. I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU YET.





HAHAHA!  
OH, YOUR FUTILE  
ACTIONS AMUSE  
ME SO! YOU'LL  
NEVER WIN  
THIS BATTLE,  
SONIC. YOU  
CAN'T!

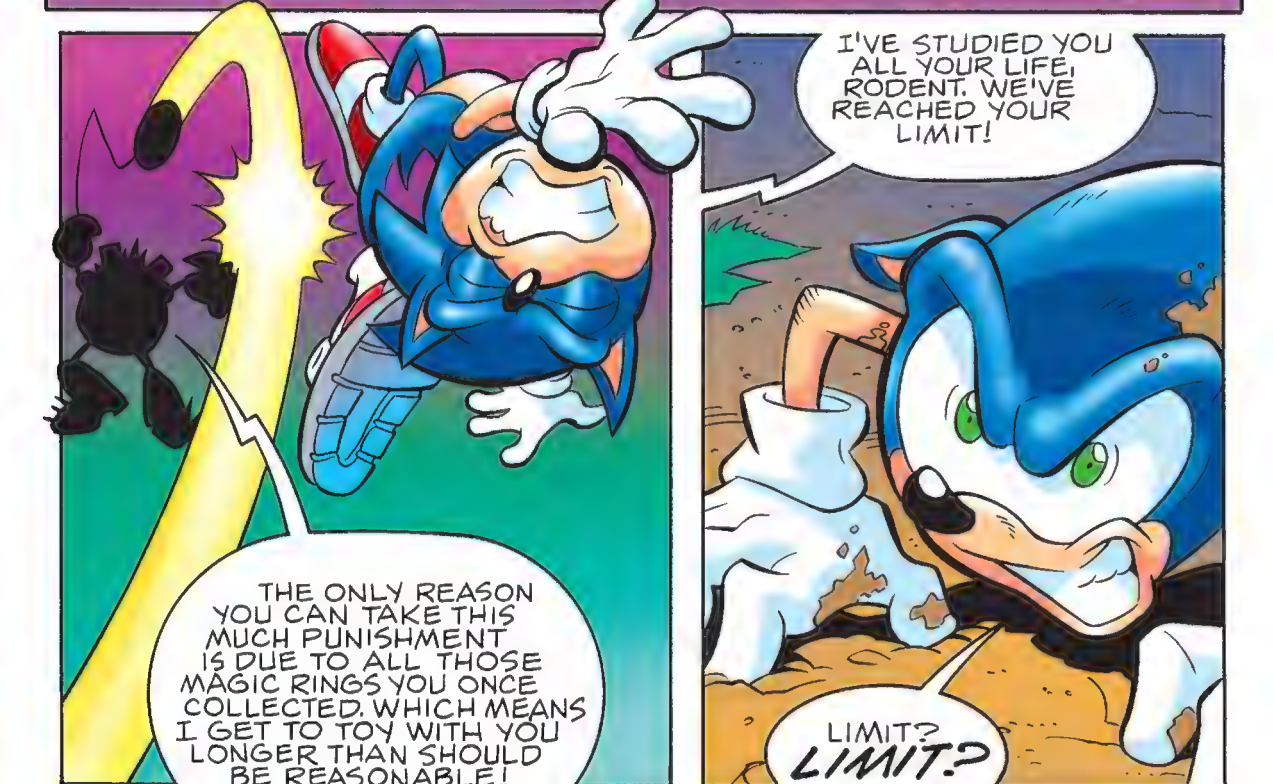
HURF!  
KEEP  
TALKING  
BIG, DOC!  
I'M NOT  
DONE  
YET!



YOU WERE FINISHED  
BEFORE THE EGG  
FLEET EVEN BEGAN  
BOMBARDMENT. THIS  
BATTLE SUIT IS SPECIF-  
ICALLY DESIGNED TO  
MATCH AND OUT-CLASS  
YOUR SPEED AND  
STRENGTH!

AHH!

ZAP!



I'VE STUDIED YOU  
ALL YOUR LIFE,  
RODENT. WE'VE  
REACHED YOUR  
LIMIT!

THE ONLY REASON  
YOU CAN TAKE THIS  
MUCH PUNISHMENT  
IS DUE TO ALL THOSE  
MAGIC RINGS YOU ONCE  
COLLECTED. WHICH MEANS  
I GET TO TOY WITH YOU  
LONGER THAN SHOULD  
BE REASONABLE!

LIMIT?  
LIMIT?!



EGAD! SNIVELY!  
TRACK THE HEDGE-  
HOG VIA THE EGG  
SPY SATELLITES.  
WHERE DID HE  
GO?

WHOOSH!

TRACKING  
NOW, SIR. HE'S...  
HE'S MOVING A  
LOT FASTER  
THAN YOU  
CALCULATED  
HE COULD...

NONSENSE!  
JUST GET ME HIS  
LOCATION!

H-HE...!

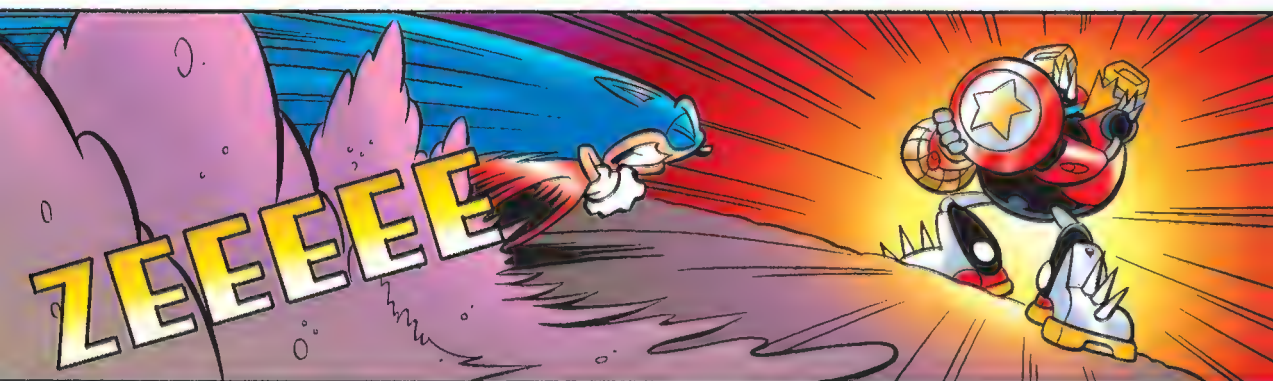
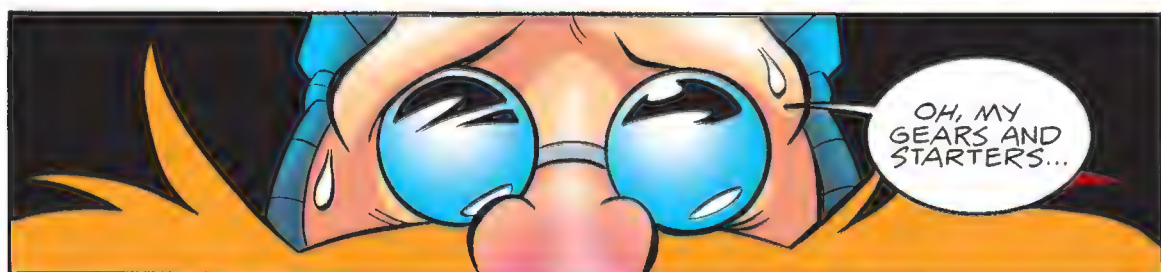
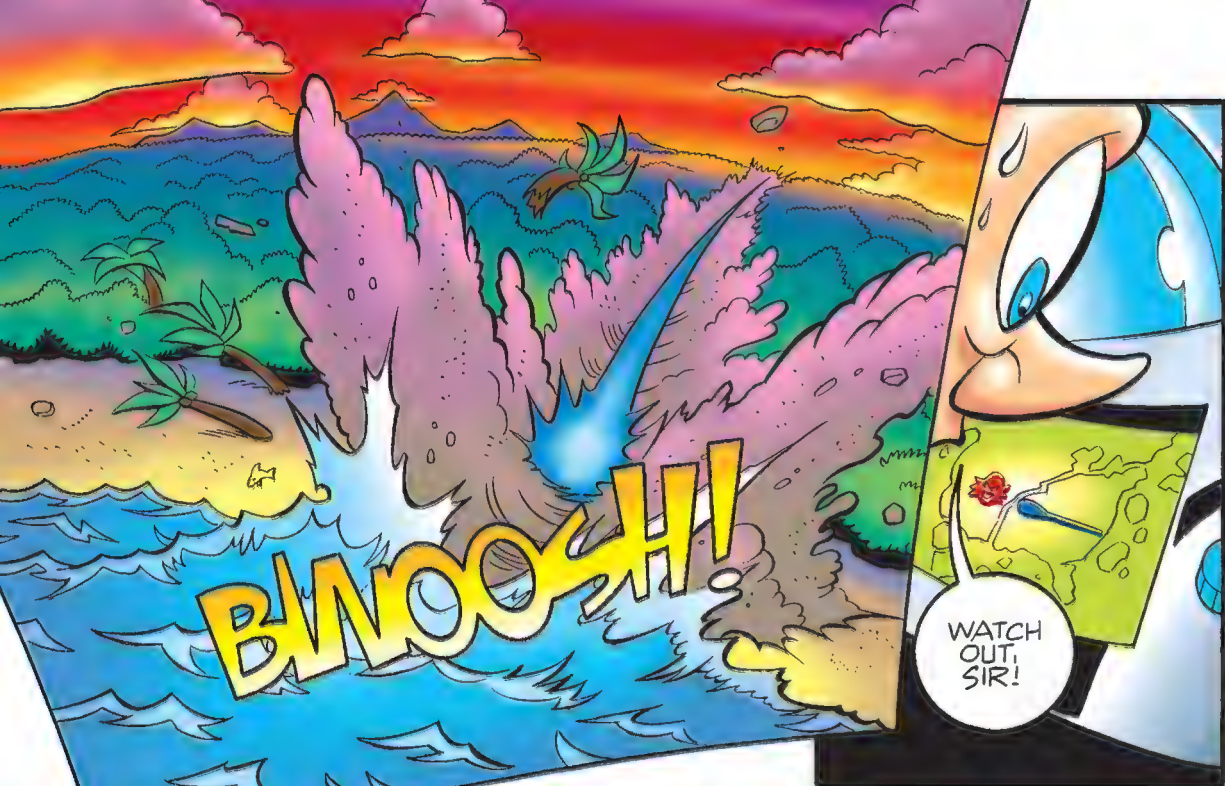
WHERE,  
SNIVELY?  
WHERE  
?!

HE'S  
ALREADY  
ON THE  
EAST  
COAST!

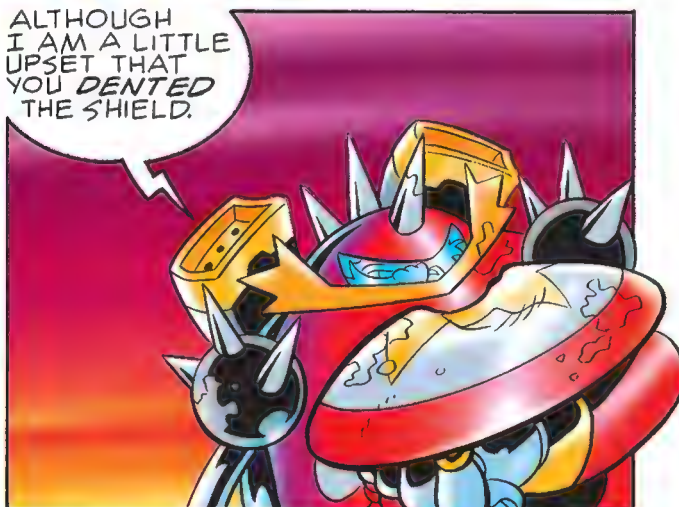
"LIMIT"  
?

I'VE  
GOT  
YOUR  
"LIMIT"  
RIGHT  
HERE!

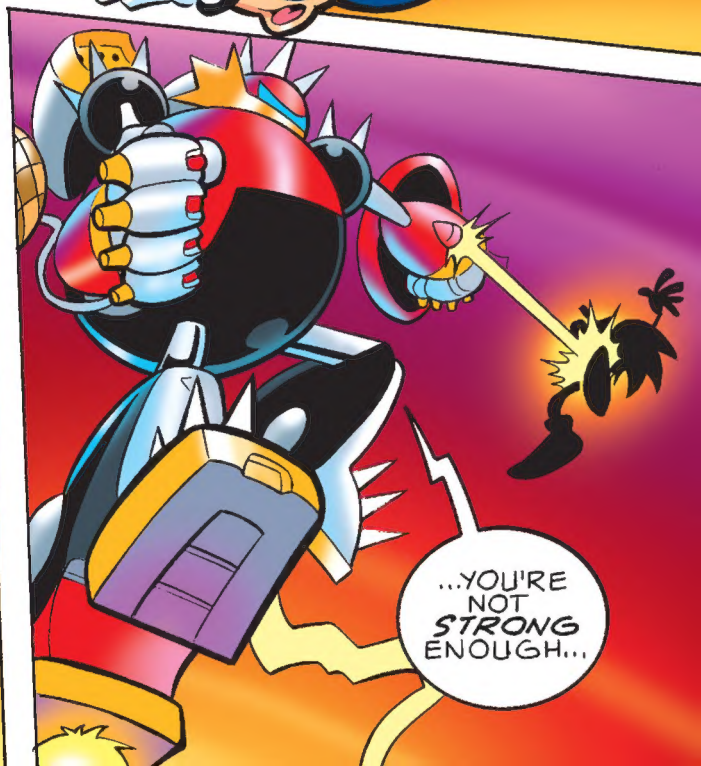
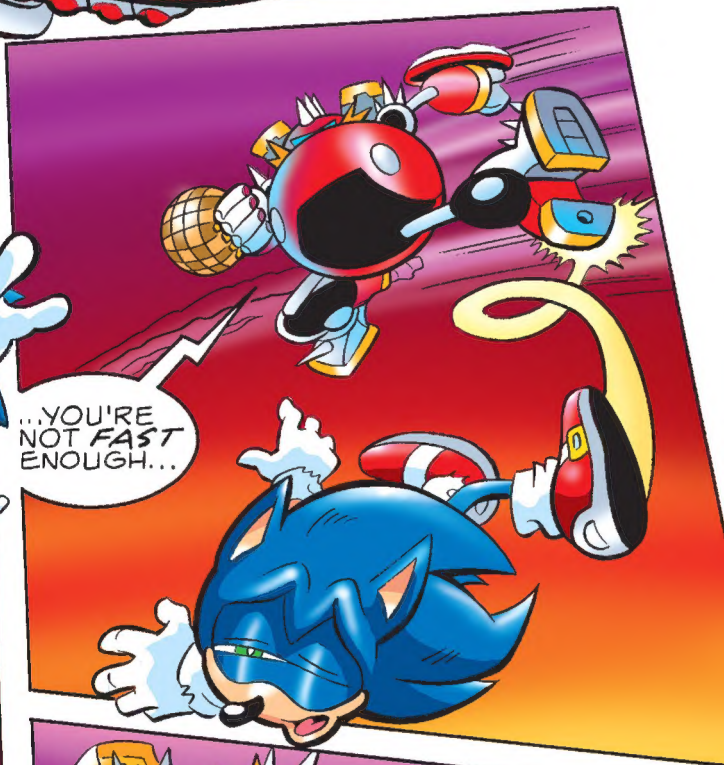
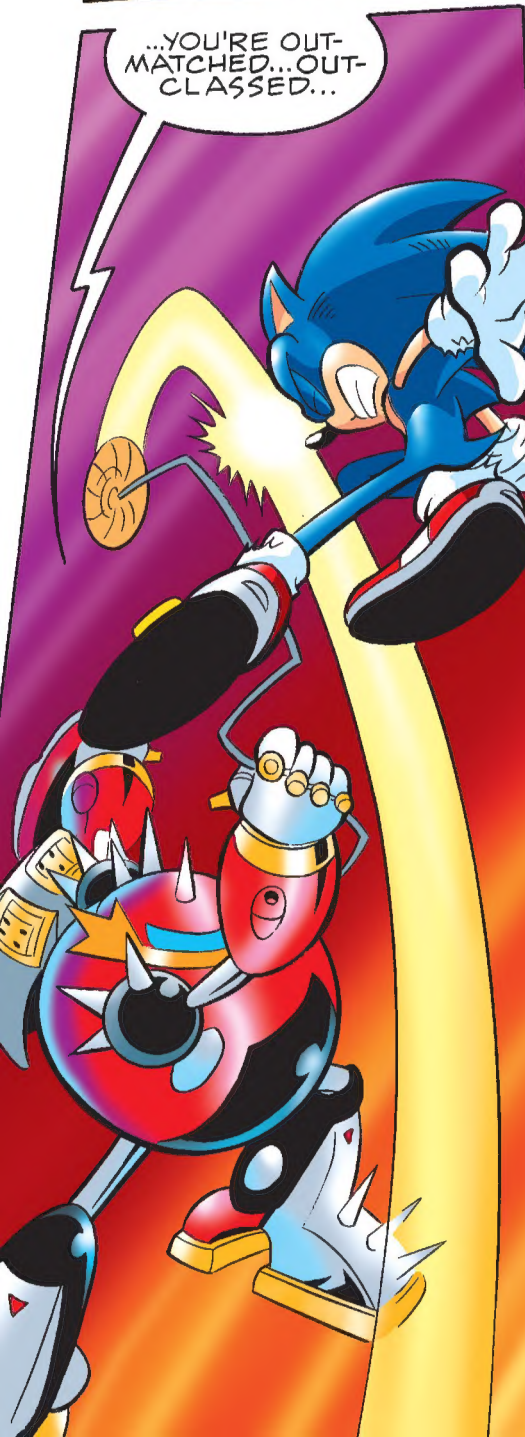




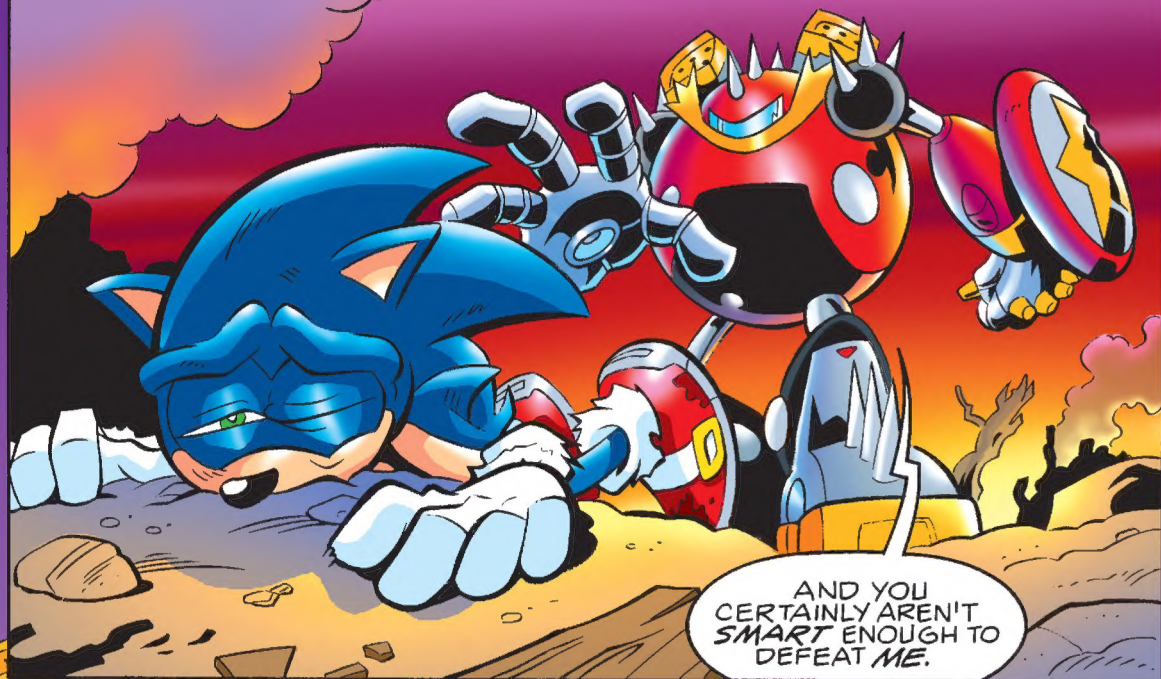




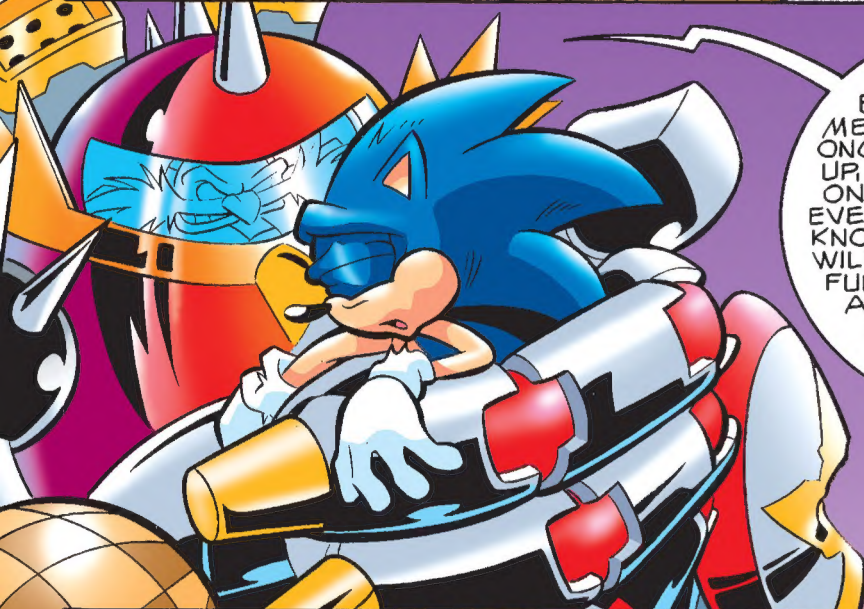






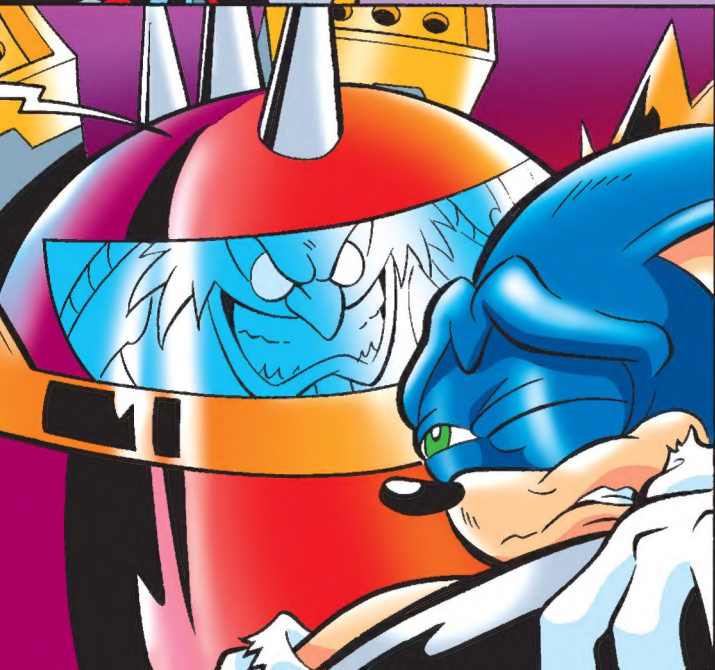


AND YOU  
CERTAINLY AREN'T  
**SMART** ENOUGH TO  
DEFEAT **ME**.

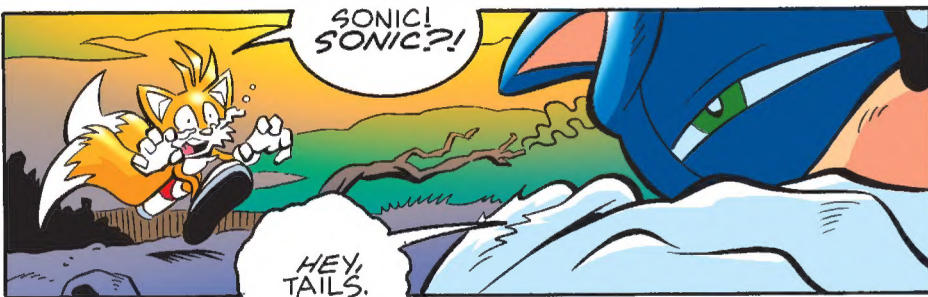
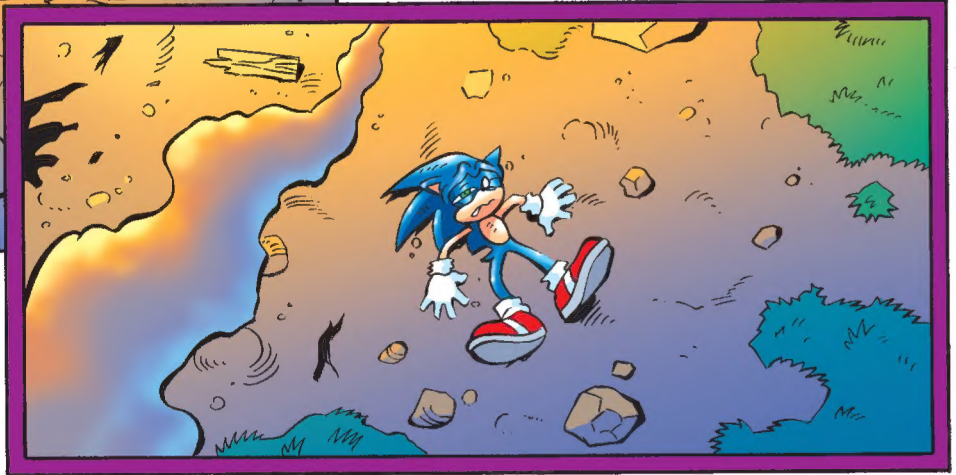
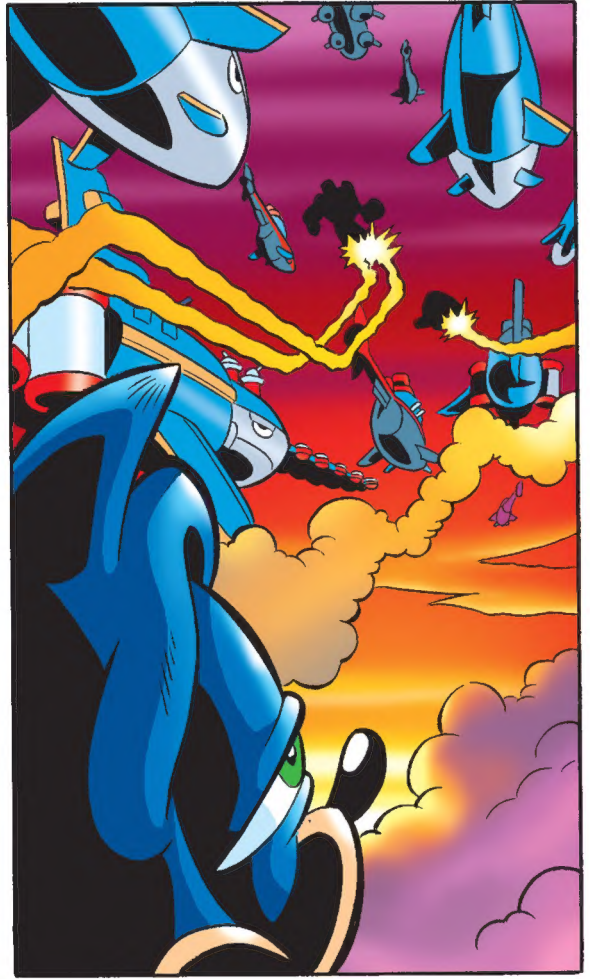


I'M GOING  
BACK TO NEW  
MEGAOPOLIS NOW.  
ONCE I'VE FRESHENED  
UP, I'M GOING TO TURN  
ON THE EGG GRAPES.  
EVERYONE YOU'VE EVER  
KNOWN OR CARED FOR  
WILL BE TURNED INTO  
FUEL FOR MY CITY.  
AND YOU'LL BE  
LEFT HERE--  
HELPLESS.

I'M NOT PLAYING  
WITH YOU, RODENT.  
RUN--RUN ALL OVER  
THE WORLD AND TRY  
TO START A NEW  
FREEDOM FIGHTER  
GROUP. YOU WILL  
FIND **NO ONE**. SO  
RUN--FOR THE REST  
OF YOUR LIFE--AND  
**NEVER** ESCAPE THE  
HUMILIATION OF  
TODAY.











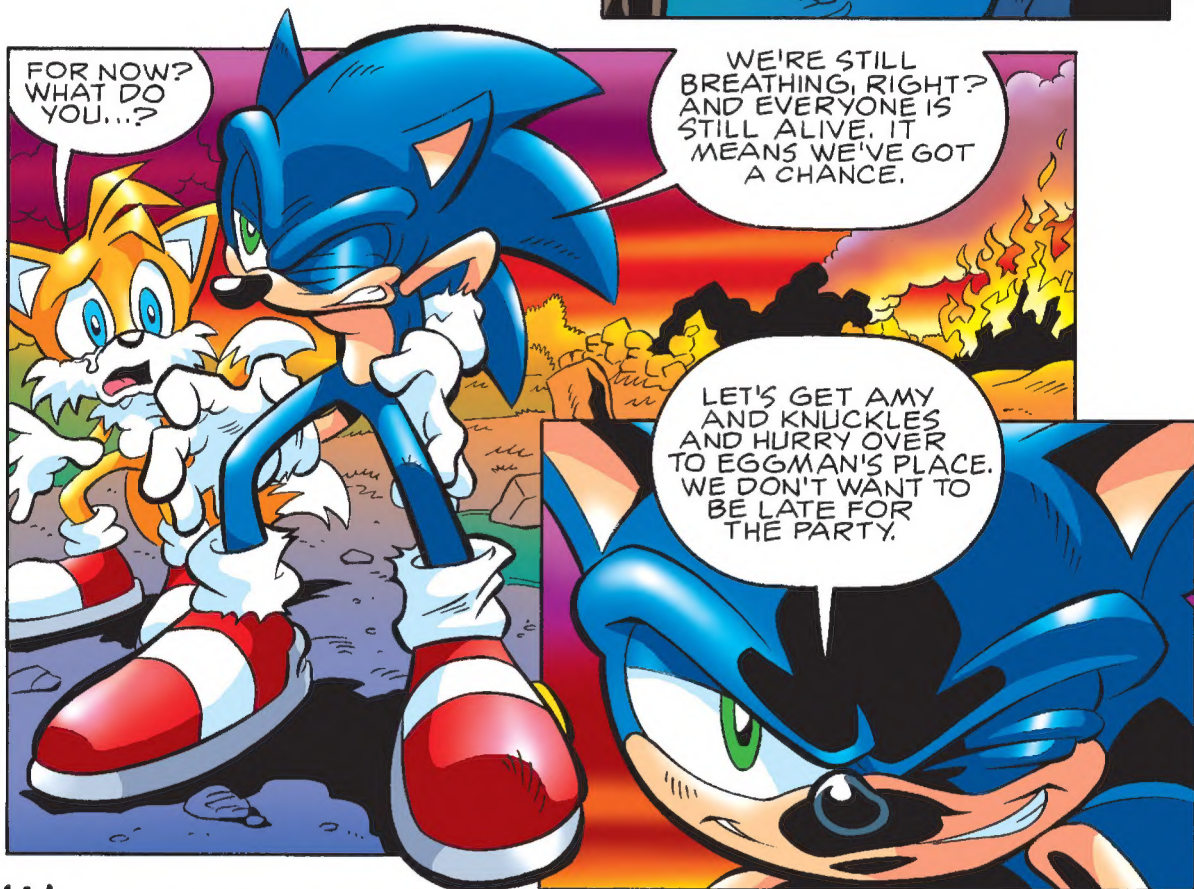
I'M SORRY, SONIC! WE DUG OUT AS FAST AS WE COULD, AND...!

DON'T SWEAT IT. I'LL HEAL.



EVERYTHING IS GONE... EGGMAN'S WON.

YEAH, FOR NOW...



FOR NOW? WHAT DO YOU...?

WE'RE STILL BREATHING, RIGHT? AND EVERYONE IS STILL ALIVE. IT MEANS WE'VE GOT A CHANCE.

LET'S GET AMY AND KNUCKLES AND HURRY OVER TO EGGMAN'S PLACE. WE DON'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR THE PARTY.

**WITH FOUR HEROES LEFT, CAN SONIC MANAGE A LAST-SECOND RESCUE? OR IS DR. EGGMAN RIGHT? IS IT REALLY TOO LATE? JOIN THE LAST-DITCH EFFORTS NEXT MONTH WHEN SONIC SEES IF HE CAN START "CRACKING THE EMPIRE!"**

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